



## **Batteries Included Leadership Conference**

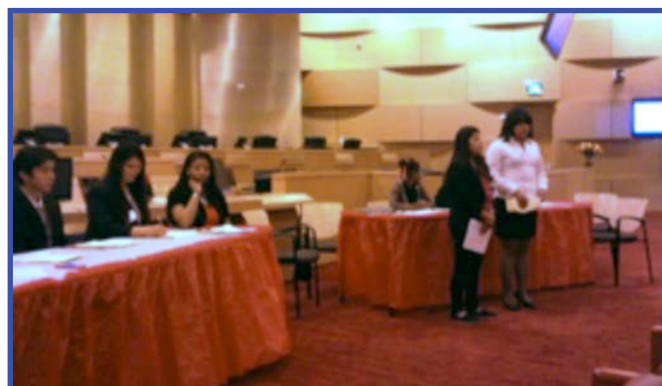
Over 50 Batteries Included youth participated in the Batteries Included Teen Leadership Conference. The conference took place at City Hall on Feb. 14 (Valentines Day). The youth had a day full of training and even utilized the skills they gained from each workshop to compete in the grand public forum debate that took place in Council Chambers. The youth rotated throughout the day participating in workshops. Topics included: active listening, techniques of political debate, communication and reading comprehension. Batteries Included would like to thank the following workshop facilitators that donated their Friday to support and

educate our youth:  
Ms. Urzuri, Ms.  
Deana Deveny,  
Ms. Amani  
Fitzgerald and Mrs.  
Brittanni Gray.



## **Batteries Included Working Well With Others And Team Motivation Presentations**

**TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!** The Batteries Included work unit visited each Batteries Included Teen Council site. They did some intense hands-on training about the importance of working with others and utilizing conflict resolution techniques in a variety of situations. The youth had a great time while being engaged with real life scenarios surrounding the issues of working well with others, resolving different personality disputes, and the importance of motivation and determination while working in a team setting. The Veteran's Memorial Teen Council (Ward 2), East Las Vegas Teen Council (Ward 3), Doolittle Teen Council (Ward 5), Cimarron Memorial High School (Ward 4), Las Vegas Academy Teen Council (Ward 3), and Nevada Partners (Ward 5), are now more knowledgeable. They know how to work well with others whether it's in an educational environment, working environment or home environment. The Batteries Included Work Unit stressed the importance of how getting along with others is a basic life tool individuals need in order to be successful.



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### Batteries Included Connections Meeting Site Recognition

The city of Las Vegas Batteries Included Connections meetings has been well attended by Batteries Included youth and supportive adult advisors. The Batteries Included Work Unit would like to recognize Jessica Beverly and Aspen Bryant, for hosting a phenomenal Connections meeting on Thursday, Jan. 23, at the



Cimarron Memorial High School Teen Council site. The youth from Cimarron Memorial High School Teen Council did a fabulous job hosting their second connections meeting with over 60 youth in attendance. Batteries Included would also like to recognize the youth of East Las Vegas Community Center Teen Council for facilitating a unique connections meeting on Feb. 27. The West Las Vegas Art Center Teen Council also did a fabulous job hosting their first connections meeting of the year.

### Batteries Included Monthly Officers' Training

Batteries Included provides an officer training every third Thursday of each month. The officers' training are designed to develop teen council officers' understanding



### Monthly Officers' Training – continued

of the Batteries Included program on a higher level. The training provides them with the skills needed to succeed as Batteries Included teen officers (president, vice president, secretary, sergeant at arms, treasurer, and historian). The trainings focus on key components of the Batteries Included program. Batteries Included participants will have the opportunity to establish relationships with other teen council sites and engage in personal development. They also plan activities that capture the interest of teens to improve the community, understand the program and expectations as officers of the Batteries Included program.

### Batteries Included Teen Council Update

**Las Vegas Academy Teen Council** has been focusing on their YNAPP Project "Speakeasy" that will be taking place at the Doolittle Senior Center on April 12. The youth had dress rehearsal and were able to travel back in time to the Prohibition Era. They experienced the music, food and partying that occur in the Roaring Twenties. Las Vegas Academy Teen Council completed their can pop tops drive and raised over 1,500 individual pop tabs. The youth will deliver the tabs to the Ronald



McDonald House Charity. The youth have also changed meeting rooms at Las Vegas High School. They will now be meeting in the Success Center instead of the main principal's conference room. Las Vegas Academy would like to congratulate Kendra Patterson, for being elected as the 2014-2015 Las Vegas Academy High School Student Body President.

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### Teen Council Update – continued

**Cimarron Memorial High School Teen Council (O.N.E.)** held elections on March 12, and would like to recognize and congratulate the youth who were brave enough to fill the large shoes from the 2013-2014 officer's board. Cimarron Memorial Teen Council member, Brittney DePaul was appointed as the 2014 Summer Circuit Committee Chair. We wish her the best of luck and believe she will do a fantastic job. The youth have placed a great deal of their focus on their YNAPP Project "A Royal Affair." They collaborated with Big Brothers and Big Sisters to facilitate this event. The Cimarron Memorial High School Teen Council met



with Matt Kelly Elementary Assistant Principal on Feb. 12 to discuss hosting their YNAPP Project. The assistant principal was very excited and gladly accepted their offer. "A Royal Affair" will take place on April 25.

### Batteries Included News Fused Quote of the Month

*"The function of education is to teach youth to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education."*

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.



### Batteries Included Upcoming Events:

#### End of the School Year Mock Awards

June 20, 8 - 9:30 p.m.

Doors will open at 7:45 p.m.

City Hall, 495 S. Main St., 89101

#### Neon Ultimate Kickball Challenge

June 28, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

East Las Vegas Community Center,

250 N. Eastern Ave., 89101

*Must wear neon colors to enter the kickball challenge.*

#### Social Development CSI: Experience

July 11, 7 - 9 p.m.

Meet in front of CSI Experience no later than 6:55 p.m.

3799 S. Las Vegas Blvd., 89109

*Must be an active Batteries Included member to attend this event.*

#### 2 Hot 2 Cool Pool Party

July 25, 7 - 9 p.m.

Municipal Pool, 431 E. Bonanza Road, 89101

#### Extreme Game Night

Aug. 2, 6 - 8 p.m.

Cimarron Rose Community Center, 5591 N. Cimarron Road, 89149

#### Teen Leadership Conference

Aug. 15, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

City Hall, 495 S. Main St., 89101

*Transportation will be provided for this event.*

### Important Batteries Included Updates:

- ★ Batteries Included youth must attend 30 out of the 34 meetings in a year in order to qualify for a summer job interview
- ★ Legacy High School now has an established teen council site

### Batteries Included Trivia Mania

Be the first to e-mail the correct answers to [lkilgore@lasvegasnevada.gov](mailto:lkilgore@lasvegasnevada.gov) and receive a prize bag from Batteries Included work unit.

- ★ What are the three components of Batteries Included?
- ★ Name at least one of the universities we visited last year for our college road trips.

## Batteries Included Youth Spotlight:

**Congratulations to Cimarron Memorial High School Teen Council's Vice President, Jessica Beverly.** Jessica's responsibilities include facilitating the CMHS Teen Council meetings, motivating members and officers, and communicating with adult advisors and youth. During her time with the city of Las Vegas Batteries Included program, she has had a real impact and has helped to change the Cimarron Memorial Teen Council. Because of her efforts, CMHS Teen Council has been doing phenomenal job. She is highly respected by her members for her willingness to help anyone at any time. Good job Jessica. **Keep up the great work.**

## Look At The Fun We Have Had



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